GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4889
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2001
RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat had demanded extension of Rajkot-Veraval Rail line via Kodinar upto Somnath and also gauge conversion of Navlakhi-Dahinsara-Morbi-Wankaner, Dahinsara-Maliya-Miyana,Ahmedabad-Vijapur, Himatnagar- Chhota Udepur-Pratapnagar and Jambusar-Samakhiali-Palanpur rail lines; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not acceding to these demands in the current railway budget?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4889 BY SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.04.2001 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

(a)&(b): Position of the projects referred in the Question is given as under:-

Project	Status
1. Extension of Rajkot-Veraval rail line upto Kodinar via Somnath	Survey for construction of new line from Veraval to Kodinar via Somnath has been completed and report is under finalisation in consultation with the Railway. Further consideration of this project would be possible once the report is finalized.
2. Gauge conversion of Navlakhi-Dahinsara-Morbi-Wankaner & Dahinsara-Maliya Miyana	Gauge conversion of these lines have already been completed.
3. Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Vijapur	Work of gauge conversion of Kalol-Adraj Moti is already included in the Budget as a part of Gandhinagar-Adraj Moti-Kalol new line project. This will provide BG connection between Ahmedabad-Adraj Moti, as BG line already exists between Ahmedabad and Kalol. In view of the acute constraint of resources, there is no proposal to convert Adraj Moti-Vijapur MG line into BG at present.

4.	Gauge conversion of Himmatnagar-Chhota Udepur-Pratapnagar	No such demand has been received. However, surveys for gauge conversion of Pratapnagar-Chhota Udepur with extension to Dhar and Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur sections are already in progress. Further consideration of these projects would be possible once the survey reports become available.
5.	Gauge conversion of Jambusar-Samkhiali-Palanpur	No such demand has been received. However, survey for gauge conversion of Jambusar-Vishvamitri (Pratapnagar) has already been completed as a part of the proposed 3rd line between Virar and Ahmedabad. Gauge conversion of this section will be considered at the time of taking up the 3rd line work in this area depending upon availability of resources.
		Gauge conversion of Gandhidham-Samakhiali-Palanpur is already included in the Budget and would be completed in this coming years as per availability of resources.
		A BG line already exists between Vishvamitri-Palanpur via Mahesana and Vishvamitri-Samakhilai via Viramgam.